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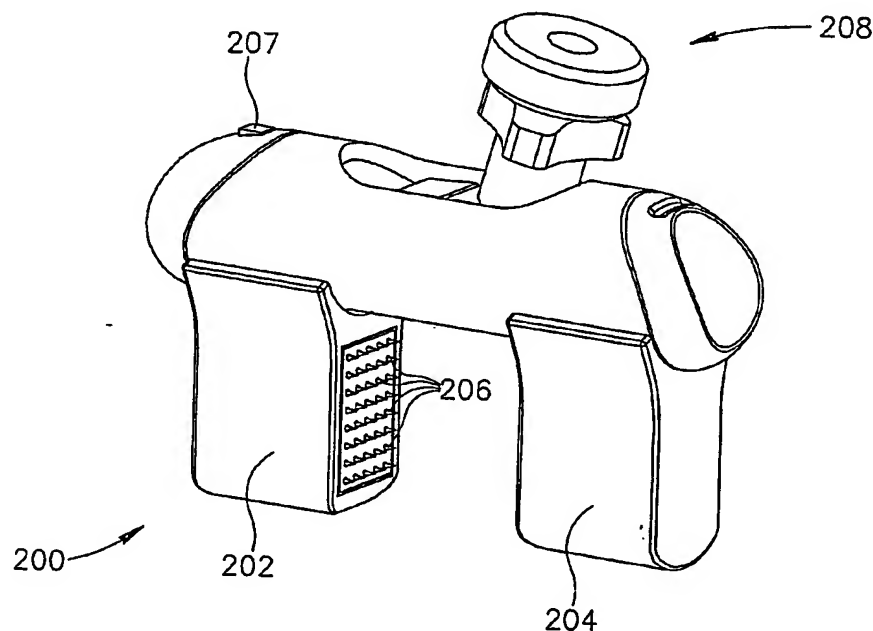
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(57) Abstract: Apparatus for measuring a surface geometry of hard tissue covered by a layer of soft tissue, including a plurality of elements each having a tip adapted to penetrate said soft tissue and not substantially penetrate said hard tissue; a frame supporting movement of said elements, each along a path, such that a plurality of said tips, when positioned along the paths, define a surface; and at least one position sensor which generates a signal indicative of a tip position of at least one of said elements.



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